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The reply filed on 2/21/03 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): A single ultimate disclosed specie was not elected for each of the genera, (a) active-hydrogen-containing-compounds, (b) heterocyclic compounds and aldehydes, and (c) polymer gels. An example of an acceptable response is (a) ethylamine, (b) propylene oxide, and (c) the resin of Embodiment 5 (pp 64-65 of the specification). See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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